THE GERMANTOWN TRAGEDY.

Close of Yesterday's Proceedings in the Trial.

After our report of yesterday, in the Berger trial, closed, the following evidence was

taken: John Garwood, sworn-I am a druggist john Garwood, sworn-1 am a drugg in Germantown; know the prisoner by sight; first saw him on New Year's after-tion, between 2 and 4 o'clock, at my store; he came for some medicine, and got it; the The came for some medicine, and got it; the next morning he came and got more medi-cine, and said he had no money, but if I would let him have it he would stop the next time he came up and pay me for it; I then asked his name and he gave it, "Christian Berger;" the next I saw of him was on Saturday following, between 20 and 25-minutes after 10 o'clock; he came in and said he would pay me; he laid down two one-dollar bills; told him that was right; he then said there was a great excitement down one-dollar blus; for him that was right; ne then said there was a great excitement down town in regard to this murder in the mor-ning; I said to him, I heard that a lady had been murdered in going to the cars; he said "No, it was done at a house on Green st.," and described the house he nessed some training "No, it was done at a nouse on Green St.," and described the house; he passed some re-marks—can't tell what they were—and then he went out; I made a remark that I hoped they would get the one who did it, but I do not recollect his response; he was in my store before the ten o'clock train got in; I think he told who was killed; am not certain. Isaac Conrad, sworn-I am a grocer and provision dealer; I saw the prisoner on the day of the murder, in the afternoon or early part of the evening; he paid me some money, a dollar and twenty cents, and I gave him two silver half dollars; he had left them with me one or two evenings before the murder, in payment of a bill, and he came to redeem them.

to redeem them. Croos-examined—When he left the half-dollars he said he had forgotten his pocket-book, and would leave the dollar until the next day, when he would redeem them. Mrs. Childs, sworn—I was engaged as a nurse for Mrs. Berger; I went there Satur-day here of their trace, the was confined

nurse for Mrs. Berger; 1 went there Satur-day before Christmas; she was confined then; I left her to-day a week ago; I was there on the 6th of January; Berger left the house at twenty minutes of seven, by their clock; he got breakfast for himself and started out; he came home between 10 and 11 in the morning the brought home with and started out; he came house between 10 and 11 in the morning; he brought home with him a basket of provisions from the store; he had on black pants, dark overcoat and he had on black pants, dark overcoat and black Kossuth hat; when he returned he was dressed the same way; he paid me \$9 that day; when he came home he entered into conversation about the murder; he derslice's store the night before; that he had given it a kick to get it out of the way, then said it might have been a piece of liver; I think that was all that was said to him at that time. The prisoner was taken out to another room, and Mr. Taggart went with him; subsequently, on the same day, he stated to me that he recollected that he had been to Frankford a few days before, and come where near the Beading railroad he asked if we had heard about the murder; he asked if we had head about the integrand-said down in Indian Queen Lane; the grand-mother asked, ""Who?" and he said "Polly Watt;" I knew Miss Lippincott; recollect her being at Berger's about New Year's; didn't hear any talk about Miss Watt's house; remember her being there Thursday evening before the murder; I heard Miss Lippincott say in Berger's presence that when Miss Watts got money she always put it in bank; that was all I ever heard said

about money. Cross-examined—I had not asked him to pay; I had not importaned him for money; he took his dinner and supper in the house that day; he went out after dinner; his manner at dinner was the same as at other times: there was no change; he changed his shirt before he went out; he left the shirt lying on the floor; he came in again between four and five o'clock; at tea his manner was not changed; he went out, but was not gone long; he was in about eight o'clock; he was in the room with his wife when the officers came for him; he been asleep on the bed; he did not manifest any anxiety about his did not manifest any anxiety about his clothing when the officers inquired for him, nor any about himself; he was free from ex-citement, and was the same that he had always been; I was the person who told him that the officers were there; they went to the shed and had their conversation, which I did not hear; he then came for his hat, and said he was going to the store, and told me said he was going to the store, and told me

mean I presented the contradictions to him for one of the cars, in order to see a driver to see what other statements he had to make. The Court, after hearing counsel ruled named "Sandy," who he was acquainted with; that he wanted to ride into town, but he

The Court, after hearing counsel, ruled that, so far as the alleged confession to Mr. Holden was concerned, the principle did not apply. It was a conversation that took place several days after that of Mr. Taggart's, and was preceded with a distinct declaration from Mr. Holden that he would forgive everything but the arime. had no money; asked him what he was going to town for; he said; to get some money; asked him who from; he replied, from a man named "Harry;" that he did not know his last name; that he had seen him the pre-vious Thursday, and he promised to let him have the money that morning; I asked him where he was to meet him, and he said at Needles' mills; as the cars did not come along he walked in, right down German-town road, and met Harry at 8 o'clock, as he appointed, but he could not get the money, as Harry had not got it; that he came up Girard avenue to Sixth street, and met a man named John Stall, who owed had no money; asked him what he was going

was preceded with a disance declaration from Mr. Holden that he would forgive everything but the crime. Mr.Holden, resumed.—When I said"Why did you do this?" he said he did it for want-of money. I asked him why he didn't tell me or his father that he wanted meney; he said he thought I had enough to do at home, and I think he said he had already got \$150, or something of that kind; I asked him why he didn't say something about it when he was at my house that week; he was there twice; he said he thought I had plenty to do, thathehad got money from his father; he said he could not get work and wanted money; he left my house on the 20th of July last, and he had no work then; I told him I had offered him a job and his father had offered him one; he said that was last summer; he gave me no account of where he had gone money, as [Harry had not got it; that he came up Girard avenue to Sixth street, and met a man named John Stall, who owed him fifty dollars, that he asked him for it, and Stall replied, he had it, and might as well pay him then, and he paid him, and he described the money he got; he said there were three \$10s, one \$5, four \$2s and seven \$1 bills; he said he paid 'him on the street: asked him if he had given Stall a receipt for the money, and he said no; asked him if Stall had given him a due-bill when he loaned the money, and he said no; he said he passed then up Girard avenue to Eighth street, got into Fourth and Eighth street car and rode out to Germantown; that he got out of the car at School Lane, and paid a bill at Vanderslice's store; that he bought some groceries there and went home, he said he paid the nurse \$9, and subsequently paid \$2 at the drug store, and \$1 30 at the grocery, where he took two half dollars; I asked him what he said to his wife in reference to the money when he came home; he said he told her he got it from Mr. Needles, being money due him there; lasked him how long he had been han one, he should be account of where he had gone that Saturday; I asked him why he did not tell us of his destitute condition when he took the razor from his father's house on Tues day; he was to both houses on that day; I don't know what answer he made to that. [The witness, who is the father-in-law of the prisoner, was greatly affected during the time he was under examination. At the same time the prisoner was evidently in-fluenced by the distress of the witness, and during the time he was on the stand Berger kept his face buried in his handkerchief.] The Court adjourned at the close of this when he came nome; he said he tok her he got it from Mr. Needles, being money due him there; asked him how long he had been acquainted with Stall; he replied, about one year, but he had never seen him but three witness's testimony.

From Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The citizens of Valpa-raiso, Ind., have just organized a try go-vernment, and have determined to celeyear, but he had never seen him but three times; asked him why he didn't tell his wife he got the money from Stall; said he didn't want her to know that he had loaned the money; I asked him who hesaw that mornbrate the event on our national anniver money; I asked him who he saw that morn-ing at Queen and Main streets; he said he saw Wm. Yake going down the cellar, and that they spoke to each other; asked him if he saw Bessie Lippincott; said yes, he saw her coming down Queen street; asked him if he spoke to her; he said no; the next thing that attracted the attention of the offi-cers was the boot. It was taken off his fact sary. For this purpose, a letter was sent to Hon. Schuyler Colfax, to be the orator on the occasion. Mr. Colfax replies that is impossible for him to give now any posi is impossible for him to give now any post-tive reply; for, as yet, no one can predict whether Congress will or will not be in session in that month, owing to pending questions of importance and magnitude. If Congress should remain in session until late in June, the engrossing nature of the duties devolving on him would leave no time for the preparation of an oration. Mr. cers was the boot; it was taken off his foot; there looked like a discoloration on the inside there looked like a discoloration on the inside of the sole that looked like blood, and was so stated to the prisoner; he said that might be, as he had stepped on a piece of meat in Van-derslice's store the night before; that he had time for the preparation of an oration. Mr. Colfax adds: "I dislike to say no, positively, to an invitation so unanimously signed, and if in the spring it seems evident that my time on the 4th of July will be at my com-mand, and it is then the general desire of citizens of all parties that I should come, I may be able to respond affirmatively." A man named Peters, who went all the

way to Germany to marry a supposed widow, discovered on his return to this city, that she had another husband living, some where near the Reading railroad he passed by a dead horse or mule that had been run over and cut up and he kicked a piece of the meat with his boot, and that he and that he by law was a bigamist, whereat instead of seeking the law's correction, he undertook to commit suicide by taking poison. His attempt was frustrated by the picked up the tail and threw it away; the conversation was then continued about where he had been in the afternoon; he said

Interference of a medical gentleman. The Common Council of this city passed he went into town again; rode in a passenger car to a skating pond, and he went from there to neighborhood of Eighth and Butan ordinance some months since, authorizing a tunnel to be built under the Chicago river at Washington street, provided the tonwood streets; that he went there for the purpose of finding a fortune teller; asked him what inquiries he desired to make; said he wanted to find out about an include the street of the street in Consider citizens living on that street would con-tribute one hundred thousand dollars, to be raised by the first of February. Up to this hour not a dollar has been raised, and the aunt of his wife's, who was in Canada, whether she was coming back soon; that he forgot the name and did not go, but went Washington street tunnel will probably fall

A despatch from St. Paul, dated to-day back to Germantown; subsequently he made says some gentlemen have just reached there from Forts Wadsworth and Aber a further statement in regard to the money; he said the money was the proceedings of a larceny committed in Richmond, about cromble. They represent that all is quiet on the frontier. There is but little snow west and north of Fort Abercromble; but larceny committed in Richmond, about a year previous; that he hid the money at the time under a bridge, at the corner Allegheny avenue and Trenton railroad; that he went over that morning for the purpose of getting it; next he made another statement that he from St. Paul to Abercrombie, the snow averages three feet. Buffalo and all kinds of game are plenty, and the Indians are reaping a rich harvest.

Murder in Grenada, Miss.-Train Fired



to say so to his wife, and would be 800n.

Sergeant Dickenson (of Police).-I made search for the perpetrator of this crime; I went after Christian Berger; I had ex-amined the footprints; I found Berger at his house; I called him to the back door and stated that I wished to examine him in re-gard to the murder; I asked him if he had not been in that neighborhord that morn-ing; he said he had been at Queen and Main streets; I asked him if he had not Main streets; I asked him if he had not passed round Queen street in the direction of the house where the murder was com-mitted, and he said he had not; I asked him which way he went after leaving the corner, he said he went down Main street on his way to the city; I asked him if he went down in the cars; he said no, as he had no money he walked down; I afterwards ex-amined his pockets and found \$17 19. one amined his pockets, and found \$17 19, one dollar of which was in silver; I asked him dollar of which was in shver; I asked him if he had paid any bills during the day, he said he had; I asked him how many; he told me he had paid one bill of over \$23, and one of \$9, and another of \$2, and and one of \$9, and another of \$2, and another of \$1 30; I asked him if he had spent any money, and he said about a dollar; I asked him how he ac-counted for having this money, as he had just told me that he had nothing in the morning; I made the amount over \$53; he said while he was in the city he met a man he had loaned \$50 to about a year ago; I asked him where the man resided, and he said he didn't know; I asked him if he had received any other money during the day, and he said he had not; I told him that the amount of the bills, together with what I found in his possession, amounted to over \$50; he did not account for the difference between the two; I then asked to see his boot: Mr. Hughes, who measured the tracks, was present, and I asked him to measure the boot. [The resut of the measurement was not allowed to be given in evidence at this time.] I closed the examination then; it was at the Station House that the examination was made; when I took him from the I took him to the Station.

At half-past one o'clock the Court took a At half-past one o'clock the Court took a recess for an hour, at the close of which Sergeant Dickenson was recalled and cross-examined; I went to Bergers house between 9 and 10 o'clock on the night of the murder; the first thing I said to him was that I wanted to examine him in regard to the murder, as I understood that he was in the neighborhood, and I wanted to see what he knew about it did not tell him he was susknew about it; did not tell him he was suspected of murder; I told him I wanted to see if I could get any information from him.

See II 1 could get any information from him., Chief Franklin, recalled.—I went to Ger-mantown first on Saturday afternoon; did not see the prisoner until Sunday morning; saw him in the Station-house, Germantown; first went to the cell where he was locked up; Taggart, Sergeant Dickerson, Alderman Thomas were with me; I don't think I spoke to Berger in the cell; can't say who spokes to him there; there were some re-marks about the cold weather and the in. marks about the cold weather and the inmarks about the cold weather and the in-terview ended; next he was brought up-stairs to the telegraph room; within 15 or 20 minutes, I think, I commenced the con-versation; Mr. Tryon jand Mr. Levy were there in addition to those down stairs; I told him he had been arrested upon a very serious charge; that we were there for the purpose of inquiring inio all the facts in relation to the murder of Miss Watt; that in the questions which we intended to ask him he was not bound to criminate himself, and he had a right to decline answering and he had a right to decline answering any. He spoke up at once and said he had any. He spoke up at once and said he had done nothing wrong, and desired full in-vestigation; I then asked him what his name was, where he lived, his age, his oc-cupation; he answered; Christian Berger, 24 years of age, lived in School lane, and was a wool sorter; asked him where he worked last, and he said Needles' Mill, Crease street, above Girard avenue; asked him of the short home on that Satur. him what time he left home on that Satur-day morning; he said at half-past six o'clock, and came down 'to Main street, and down Main to Queen, and waited at Queen street

secreted the money in a small pocket that he had in his coat, still alleging that it was the proceeds of the robbery; said he had

carried it there ever since the robbery, said the indecarried it there ever since the robbery. Joshua Taggart, sworn.—I am a detective police officer; first saw the prisoner at the Germantown Station House; I was at the interview, as described by Mr. Franklin; I took the prisoner into another room, as stated by Mr. Franklin; it was a couple of hours after the interview spoken of by Mr. Franklin; we were alone; I talked familiarly with him; said, "Chris, I want to have a talk with you about this money;" I said to him, "the statement you made about the money is unfortunate for you, for I am sat-isfied it is not true: I am satisfied that you committed some crime in getting it, and while we are wasting time in this matter the real culprit in this murder case may escape and if that is the case I would like to know it now; tell me the truth; if it is petty lar eny, and is outside of this murder, I'll no use it against you." I cautioned particularly about it being outside the murder; I told him I did not believe his story about "Harry" and Stall.

Question-After this assurance, that if it was not connected with the murder, it would not be used against him, did he account for the money

Mr. Brooke objected to this as improper, because there was a direct inducement from the officer in order to secure the statement.

District Attorney withdrew the question after explaining that his only object was to show that the prisoner had had an opportunity to explain the possession of the money, even if it had been the result of a crime other than the murder.

Officer Ammon Holden sworn-I have known the prisoner since last July a year, I saw him at the Germantown Station House; he spoke to me first; when I went in he was in conversation with his father when he saw me he came across the room and wanted to put his arms around my neck, and asked me if I would forgive him for what he had done; I told him I would forgive him for everything but the crime, I told him if he would sit down and be calm I would talk with him, he sat on th bench, and I asked him what he had done

this for. | The counsel for prisoner objected to the conversation, because it had been ruled that no confession could be admitted where the question eliciting it was based upon the assumption of the prisoner's guilt. To the Judge—The interview took place on the Thursday following the Coroner's inquest. The Court decided to have Officer Taggard recalled, in order to have his statement

more fully. Mr. Taggart resumed.-I held out no inducement or threat to make the prisoner confess the murder; none whatever.

Cross-examined-In the cell I went over the whole case, but I didn't tell him plainly that I believed he committed the murder, but I have no doubt he understood me; I told him the case had assumed a very black look for him; I pointed out the circum-stances that pointed to his guilt; I did not say to him that they pointed to his guilt; I referred to the contradictions; commenced with his being seen on the corner of Queen street; I went over the case in order to show him that he was implicated; I had no idea then of getting a confession; my object was to involve him in a mass of contradictions; I don't recollect the lancontradictions; 1 don't recollect the lan-guage I used, but I have no doubt I con-veyed to him the impression that I believed him to be guilty; my object in laying out the case to him was to show how dark, it bore against him; I did not tell him one word of untruth; I gave him a plain state-ment of the case. ment of the case.

To Judge Ludlow-This interview took place on Monday; it was about an hour; I had another conversation with him the same day, when he repeated parts of the confesion to other parties; I had another interview on Tuesday.

Re-examined by Mr. Mann-When I say I desired to involve him in contradictions,

Into-Officer Wounded-Sinking of Flat-beat in White River Ten Persons Drowned-Skiff Cupsized and Seven Persons Drowned near President's Is-land. [Special despatch to the Missouri Democrat.]

CAIRO, Jan. 25.-On Friday last a man named Greene, while standing in his store door, in Granada, Mississippi, was shot by some person unknown, and almost instantly killed. The night previous another man by the name of Tell was called out of his house and shot dead by an assassin, who escaped It is said that Tell was the party who cave information which led to the arrest of Mat Saxton, several months ago, and that this was the cause of his death at the hands of some of Saxton's friends and former follow ers. Greene, it is said, was killed for ex-pressing sympathy for Tell and denouncing his murderer. The Grenada Gazette states that on the

The original of cars was moving out of Naiden, a man took deliberate aim with a rifle and fired towards the platform of one of the cars, upon which several United States officers were standing, severely wounding Lieutenant Charles H. Hunting. The next night the cars were fired into at the same

A flatboat on which two families were moving from Arkansas, snagged recently while descending White river, above Bates-ville, and sunk in less than three minutes. The family of Mr. Thompson, consisting of his wife, six children, and his mother, and Wm. Pratt, Superintendent of the wood

yard on President's Island, while crossing from that point to Fort Pickering on Friday last in a skiff, accompanied by eight negro hands, was capsized and drowned, along with six of the negroes.

JAMES RIVER AND KANAWHA CANAL COMPANY.-We are informed that an agent deputed by the French company to negotiale with the James River and Kanawha Canal Company for the completion of their work has arrived in New York, and may be soon expected in Richmond. Everything in this State and in West Virginia promises well for harmonious and united action in a work which is manifestly of common inte rest to both .- Lynchburg Republican.



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